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HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Luke 8:26-39

Divine Liturgies:

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) & 11:15 a.m. (English)
Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m.
Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.
Holy Days of Obligation: 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Baptisms & Funerals: By arrangement.

Marriages: By arrangement eight months in advance.
NOTE: Marriage preparation course required.

Confessions: 20 minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgies, or by appointment.

Pastor: Fr. Iryney Valyavka, OSBM

Assistant Pastor: Fr. Josaphat Oliynyk, OSBM

***Parish Secretaries** (part time):* Lorraine Stoyko & Michelle Yakimetz

HOLY TRINITY PARISH OFFICE HOURS (Monday – Friday)
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

VI. Faith Is Looking to Jesus for Everything

Faith in the Christian life is not merely accepting certain truths about God. Faith is a living relationship with Jesus Christ, in whom we place our whole trust, our hope, our wounds, and our future. In the Byzantine tradition of our Ukrainian Catholic Church, we constantly hear in the Divine Liturgy: "Let us commit ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God." This is the essence of faith — to look to Christ for everything: for meaning, strength, forgiveness, healing, wisdom, and eternal life. True faith is not self-reliance alone, but Christ-reliance. The more we grow spiritually, the more we understand that without Christ we can do nothing (John 15:5).

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches: "Faith is a personal adherence of man to God" Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 150). Faith therefore is not simply believing that God exists; even demons believe that. Rather, faith means entrusting ourselves entirely into the hands of Christ. In moments of suffering, confusion, temptation, or fear, the Christian heart learns to turn first toward Jesus. Many people look first to money, success, human approval, or worldly security. Yet these things cannot save the soul. Only Christ can bring peace to the deepest hunger of the human heart because He alone is both true God and true man.

Looking to Jesus also means learning to see life through His eyes. In prayer, in the Holy Scriptures, in the Divine Liturgy, and especially in the Holy Eucharist, Christ teaches us how to think, forgive, love, and sacrifice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it" (CCC 1816). Faith transforms our entire way of living. A person who truly looks to Jesus begins to ask not: "What do I want?" but rather: "Lord, what is Your will?" This is the beginning of spiritual maturity and holiness.

In the spirituality of the Eastern Church, looking to Jesus means entering into continual communion with Him. The Jesus Prayer — "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner" — teaches the soul to keep its eyes fixed on Christ throughout the day. St. Basil the Great reminds us that the Christian must become "a dwelling place of Christ." This happens when our heart slowly becomes purified through repentance, prayer, fasting, Confession, and participation in the Mysteries of the Church. Faith is therefore not only emotional

comfort; it is transformation. Christ desires not simply to help us occasionally, but to dwell within us and shape us into His likeness.

Very often God allows trials in our lives precisely so that our eyes may return to Him. Human strength eventually reaches its limits. Health changes, people disappoint us, and earthly plans fail. Yet faith teaches us that Christ remains constant. When the Apostle Peter walked upon the water, he remained above the waves only while his eyes were fixed on Jesus. The moment he looked more at the storm than at Christ, he began to sink. The same happens spiritually with us. Anxiety, anger, division, and hopelessness often increase when we lose our spiritual gaze upon the Lord. But when we return to prayer and trust, Christ stretches out His hand again and says: "Do not be afraid."

As Ukrainian Catholics, we are called to be people whose eyes are fixed on Christ even amid uncertainty, suffering, and the struggles of modern life. The saints teach us that holiness begins when Jesus becomes the center of everything. Faith is looking to Jesus in the morning and at night, in joy and in sorrow, in success and in weakness. It is trusting that Christ walks with us through every cross toward the Resurrection. The Mother of God herself always points us toward her Son. Every icon in our churches reminds us that our salvation does not come from ourselves, but from Christ. Therefore let us continually pray: "Lord Jesus Christ, teach me to trust You more, to seek You first, and to look to You for everything."

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Parents' Meeting:

This Sunday, November 1st, in the vestibule following the 11:15 a.m. English Divine Liturgy. This meeting will be for all parents regarding Catechism and First Holy Communion Classes.

17th Annual Bishop's Gala:

This year's theme is "Celebrating Women in the Church Today: Serving with Faith and Love." The gala will begin at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, December 3,** at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway NW, Edmonton. Tickets $225/person. All proceeds of the Gala will support eparchial ministries. To purchase tickets, please contact 780-424-5496, or chancery@edmontoneparchy.com .

PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, October 31st; November 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th:
- (November 7th: First Saturday Divine Liturgy @ 8 AM)
- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 29th:
- 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (English)

Wednesday, November 11th: Remembrance Day
- Parish Office closed for Remembrance Day

Thursday, November 12th: Feast of St. Josaphat
- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

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Liturgy Service at Senior's Home:

Mon., November 9th: 9:30 a.m. at Homestead Lodge
Thu., November 12th: 10:00 a.m. at Heritage House
Fri., November 20th: 10:00 a.m. at Century Park
Tue., November 24th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Care Centre
Thu., November 26th: 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Manor

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Parish Weekly Donations:

- October 25 Donations:	$1,120.75
- Catechism:	$ 50.00
October 25 Total Donation:	**$1,170.75**

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- October Donations:	$6,445.75
- Catechism:	$ 300.00
- Repairs & Maintenance:	$ 50.00
- Utilities:	$ 75.00
October Total Donation:	**$6,870.75**

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Update to Church Basement Rebuild:

The majority of items which were placed in storage by the reclamation crew have been returned to the church basement. As soon as water is reconnected downstairs, the toilets, sinks, and dishwasher will be reattached to the water supply, which will hopefully be next week.

Неділя, 1 листопада: 23-а Неділя по Зіс. Св. Духа

Тропар, глас 6: Ангельські сили – на гробі Твоїм,* а сторожа омертвіла* Марія ж стояла у гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого.* Полонив Ти ад, та не переможений ним,* зустрів Ти діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих Господи, слава Тобі.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

Кондак, глас 6: Життєдайною долонею* умерлих із мрячних долин* воскресив усіх Життєдавець – Христос Бог,* воскресіння подав людському родові.* Він бо всіх Спаситель, воскресіння і життя, і Бог усіх.

Прокімен, глас 6: Спаси, Господи, народ Твій і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму, Боже мій, щоб не відвертався Ти мовчки від мене.

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Апостол: До Ефесян послання святого апостола Павла читання (2:4-10)

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Хто живе в помочі Всевишнього, під покровом Бога небесного оселиться.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Стих: Скаже Господеві: Ти – заступник мій і прибіжище моє, Бог мій, і надіюся на Нього.

Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

Євангелія: Від Луки 8:26-39

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його во вишніх. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

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Sunday, November 1: 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Troparion, tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, tone 6: With His life-giving hand Christ our God, the Giver of life,* raised all the dead from the murky abyss* and bestowed resurrection upon humanity.* He is for all the Savior,* the resurrection and the life, and the God of all.

Prokeimenon, tone 6: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

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Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephesians (2:4-10)

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse: He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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